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Hare, Hound Chase Nets Morals Suspect



SHADES OF MCGUFFEY . . . It's words like szyzky and subretrre which give trouble to school children when they enter the National Spelling Bee, but Marv Hall points out here that these signs posted by the city yesterday on Crenshaw Blvd. in front of the Pittsburgh Paint plant prove that "eny" old word can cause you trouble.

Cafe Owner Faces Mail Pilfering Rap

Due to be arraigned in Federal court Monday on a charge of pilfering the mails while serving as a substitute carrier is Raymond J. Weister, 31, of 2217 Cabrillo Ave., who was turned over to federal authorities last week by Police Chief John Stroh.

Weister, who was identified by Stroh as the owner and operator of the Mountain View Cafe, 4407 Sartori, is also awaiting trial on a burglary charge after being captured by Torrance police while fleeing from the scene of the alleged crime, at the Paramount Builders Supply Co., Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave.

Weister will be arraigned before Federal Judge William Byrnes in Superior Court Monday on a charge of taking a letter containing \$8.50 while serving as a substitute mail carrier on Feb. 19.

300 Red Horse Families Now Live in Area

More than 300 General Petroleum employees now live in the Torrance-Lomita-Rolling Hills area, a recent company survey shows.

This represents a jump from a dozen families at the time the last survey was made approximately 4 1/2 years ago.

Of the 300 families living in the area, 170 live within the confines of the City of Torrance, the report indicated.

An additional 300 families, of which one or more members work at the local refinery, live in the Redondo-Manhattan Beach-Hermosa Beach area.

10¢ Recreation Tax Proposed

Torrance Man

Aids Capture of Morals Suspect

A Torrance man joined in a hare and hound across the nearby fields for nearly a mile last Friday to assist in the capture of a 20-year-old cook attempting to escape after molesting a 14-year-old boy near here.

Joining the chase was Kenneth R. Clayton, 2226 W. 237th St. who helped capture Wilbur A. Hamilton, a Los Angeles fry cook who has since been booked on a morals charge in the county jail.

Clayton joined the pack of pursuers on Lomita Blvd. between Vermont Ave. and Figueroa after the victim stopped a passing truck driver, Lloyd L. Price of Los Alamitos, to tell him what happened. Clayton, Price and another motorist, Harry A. Van Deventer of Wilmington, took out across the fields after the suspect. He was finally trapped nearly a mile from the scene at Sepulveda Blvd. and Figueroa.

The incident had an ironic twist in that the 14-year-old victim himself was arrested on a charge of grand theft auto. Deputies learned that the boy had taken his step-father's car and driven to the harbor in seek of work. There he met Hamilton, he told sheriff's deputies, who encouraged him to get into the car and drive here to look for work for the youth. Enroute here the youth was told to stop the car. The teenage boy said that Hamilton then made obscene remarks and improper advances. Filled with fright, the boy leaped from the parked car and stopped Price, who was passing in his truck. Hamilton took out across the field and the chase was on.

Fireworks About Fireworks Marks New \$1000 Levy

The City Council upped the ante on those who want to sell fireworks in Torrance Tuesday night by levying a \$1000 license fee for the first stand erected plus an additional \$25 per stand for each additional sales stand.

They limited to six the number of stands which any one operator or organization could operate.

Outlawing the sale of fireworks altogether within the city of Torrance was sought by Fire Chief J. J. Benner, who stated that fireworks stands were hazardous and costly to the city.

Speaking in opposition to the levy were Cy Weber representing the Veterans Council, and Charles Demaree, president of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen. They contended that such a levy would seriously handicap their welfare program.

Monday Deadline for Chamber Directory Told

Monday, June 1, will be the deadline for all advertising copy for the new Chamber of Commerce directory, merchants of the area were reminded yesterday by Executive-Secretary Dale Isenberg.

This year's directory will be the best ever published here by the Chamber, Isenberg said. He said all the new Fairfax phone numbers will be included in the handy booklet scheduled to be out on July 1.

Also included in the directory will be new photographs and statistical information about the City of Torrance, he said.

Don't Put It On Ice! Sell It

Like Mrs. T. H. Crawford, 1764 Santa Fe, did with a Torrance Herald Classified Ad. "Got wonderful results," she said. "Very pleased with the response."

Any unneeded articles around the house will sell with a Torrance Herald Classified Ad. Just Call—

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Most Stores Must Close For Holiday

If you're a Saturday shopper, you might as well plan to do it a day earlier this week because of the Memorial Day holiday Saturday.

For most stores operating under contracts with Retail Clerks Local 908, Saturday will be an enforced holiday, according to F. S. Solover, executive-secretary of the Harbor Area Employers' Council.

Drug, confectionery, florist, and liquor stores may stay open if they pay double time; food and retail bakery stores may stay open by paying time and one-half; and retail meat markets may remain open if they pay butchers triple time.

Several large markets have indicated that they would be open Saturday, but most other stores, banks and public offices will be closed.

Honey, Vinegar; Builder Learns Which is Best

A North Torrance subdivision squabbling with the city about sidewalks along 374th St. learned Tuesday night the wisdom of an old axiom that: "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

Homer Bale, developer of a new home tract on 174th St., told City Manager George W. Stevens he intended to wait until the state put in curbs and gutters along the street before he installed sidewalks as he is required to do by law. Stevens reported to the City Council that Bale had instructed him to tell the council that if that arrangement was not satisfactory and that if they attempted to crowd him by demanding earlier construction of the sidewalks, he would resist the move with every means at his disposal.

Stevens told the council that Bale wanted an answer from the council.

He got it! "Sue him," was the essence of instructions to City Attorney James M. Hall. The city attorney reported that litigation already was pending against the new home developer and that he would just add the sidewalk issue to the suit.

After hearing Bale's threat, Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr. commented: "Now, that's a real fine way to get cooperation."

Weather
Occasional cloudy periods are predicted today by the Weather Bureau for Torrance and vicinity, but the day should be mostly sunny with moderate afternoon winds on the coast. High temperature today will be around 80 degrees. The low this morning was about 60 degrees.

Recreation Tax Levy Suggested By Commission

That the city levy a 10 cent tax increase for recreation purposes was the substance of a recommendation of the recreation commission which was taken under advisement by the City Council Tuesday night.

Darwin Parrish, chairman of the commission, wrote the council suggesting the tax levy and also formally requesting the council place a \$300,000 bond issue for a swimming pool on the ballot next April.

Councilman Willys Blount at the council's last meeting made the motion which carried that the pool bond issue be placed on the ballot.

The matter of the 10 cent tax increase was referred to an agenda meeting of the city council to study along with other budget matters.

R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the Industries Tax Committee and president of Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that he did not favor any hike in the tax rate at this time.

"Such a raise in the tax rate," he said, "I feel would be detrimental to bringing new industry to Torrance."

He also stated, however, that he concurred with the plan to bring before the people a new capital outlay projects such as the swimming pool issue.

Suspect Nabbed After Hitting Market Fence

Arrested after crashing into a fence Monday evening was John Harry Wright, 30, of 17230 Falda Ave., who was booked on a drunk charge and suspicion of burglary.

Wright was arrested by Officers Don Hamilton and J. B. Miles after he crashed into a fence near a market at 8955 W. 182nd St.

Approximately 120 residents of the Victor area told the City Council politely Tuesday night: "We're quite happy, thank you, and have no desire to be annexed to the City of Torrance."

The city had made advances toward wooing the residents of the 608-acre island of county land.

"Yes, Even the Files"
Mrs. Homer Rodgers, who presented a petition signed by 121 residents of the area, told the council:

"We want our chickens, horses, and cows; yes, even the files. If we join Torrance first thing you know along will come a big housing development and there goes our little farms and ranches. We don't want to be rezoned. We're quite happy just the way we are. That's why many of us moved out to the country—we wanted to be in the country."

She recorded the laugh of the meeting when she said: "I've looked at our county roads and they're not so bad. As a matter of fact I've looked at some of Torrance's roads and they're nothing to be proud of. I don't think the city has much to offer us."



HERALD PHOTO
SHE'S GOT HER NUMBER . . . If you have a telephone, chances are that pert Donna Barkdull has got your number in hand—your new number, that is. Pretty Donna holds the new thin-as-a-wafer Fairfax and Davenport telephone listings which will replace the old Torrance and Lomita prefixes at midnight Saturday. Distribution of the new books will be completed before the weekend, local phone officials say.

Sailor Injured In Waltheria Accident Dies

Death claimed a 22-year-old sailor early Sunday morning following an accident last Thursday near Waltheria in which three others were injured in a head-on crash on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Head of head injuries is Lawrence P. Raigo, a sailor stationed aboard the USS Delta out of San Diego. His mother, Mrs. Sadie Raigo who was staying at the Plaza Hotel, was notified by the Harbor General Hospital that her son died at 4:10 a.m. Sunday.

He was injured in a crash west of the west intersection of Newton St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. in an accident which also brought injuries to Donald Larson, 24, also a sailor who had just left his Waltheria home with his wife and mother to report for duty in San Francisco. His wife, Coleen, 23, and his mother, Mrs. Walter Larson, were both injured.

Civic Center Site Rezoned

A request that a parcel of land northeast of the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Madrona be rezoned to light agriculture was granted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

The area rezoned is being considered as the future Civic Center site.

For Old Phones

A Yank on a String And It's All Over

Months of engineering, construction, and installation will climax with a yank of a string at one minute after midnight Saturday as Torrance and Lomita telephone exchanges switch to new dial equipment.

Split-second timing and steady hands of telephone technicians will remove blocking devices from automatic equipment in the two Pacific Telephone offices in Torrance and Lomita.

Then, in a matter of seconds, the switchboards in the old non-dial office and simultaneously put the new dial office into service.

The wire chief said the main reason for making the cutover at midnight is to take advantage of the low volume of calls normally placed at that time.

Switchmen in the old office will jerk fuse-like "heat coils" from equipment, then will signal the wire chief in the new office that this part of the job is completed. The wire chief quickly will signal his own men to pull blocking tools from switches in the new crossbar equipment, permitting them to spring into action.

Meanwhile, subscribers are preparing to remove special "tear-out" cards on their dial wheels which reveal the new Fairfax and Davenport numbers.

Pre-cutover tests of the maze

Plomert Urges Firms to Hire Local Teachers

Summer employment of Torrance teachers was recommended to local industries by Chamber of Commerce President Robert I. Plomert Jr. as a means of benefiting both the teachers and industry.

In a letter to personnel managers of Torrance firms, Plomert recommended that the teachers be hired for summer jobs saying such a step would:

1. Acquaint teachers with some of the problems of industry;
2. Have an effect in the understanding of industry that would develop in the classrooms of Torrance public schools;
3. Teachers without summer incomes would be better able to meet their financial obligations and the good feeling between the schools and industry might be promoted.

Plomert said that a survey of the teaching staff of the Torrance School District has shown that several of the teachers now have regular summer jobs with various industries in the area, and that he felt this "is a fine way to develop a better understanding between our schools and the industries of our community."

They Like Count(r)y

Al Edwin, a resident of the area for 30 years, told the City Council that the residents of the area felt like a maiden being courted, and that they were going to play it coy until they determined if Torrance's proposition was honorable.

Herald Deadline Moved up for Sunday's Issue

News and advertising deadlines for Sunday's Torrance Herald have been advanced this week to permit employees of the Herald to be with their families on Memorial Day, Saturday.

Classified deadlines for the May 31 issue will be 11 a.m. Friday, display advertising deadline will be 5 p.m. Thursday. News deadlines will be moved up one day with the final deadline Friday noon.

Offices of the Torrance Herald will be closed all day Saturday, Mrs. Grover C. Whyte, publisher, said yesterday. Normal hours of business will be resumed Monday, June 1.